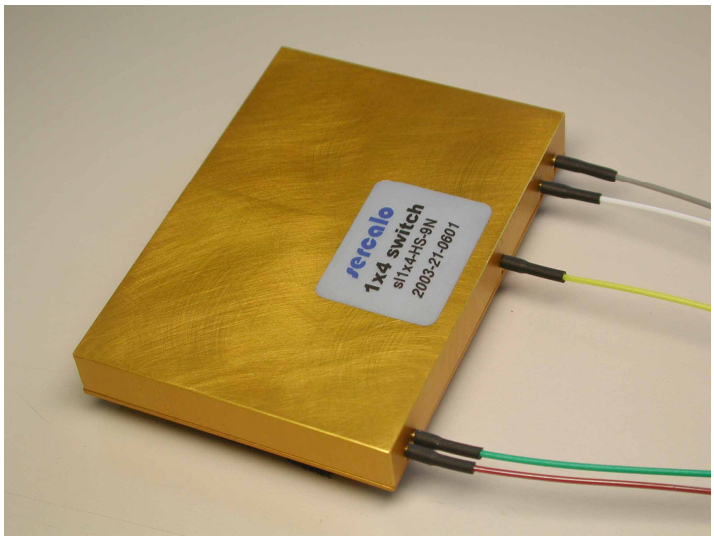

FIBER OPTIC MEMS SWITCH

for specialty fibers
or
Polarisation-Maintaining Fibers

OVERVIEW

The **sercalo** *sn* series are opto-mechanical switches for the most demanding applications in fiber optic sensor systems and instrumentation. The switch is available in 1x1, 1x2, 2x2 and 1x4 variants. The switch mechanism is available in either latching or non latching variants and has a very fast response time below 1 ms and below 1.5 dB insertion loss. The single mode switch is available for a number of specialty fibers covering design wavelengths such as 488 nm, 515 nm, 633 nm, 680 nm, 780 nm, 830 nm, 980 nm and 1064 nm. It can also be made with polarisation maintaining PANDA fibers.
The miniature package withstands rugged environments and is well suited for direct mounting on printed circuit boards. The switch is qualified according to Telcordia GR 1221.

FEATURES

- reliable
- specialty fibers
- 1.5 dB insertion loss
- 1 ms response time
- low PDL
- 60 dB crosstalk
- miniature size
- 2x2, 2x1, 1x1 variants

APPLICATIONS

- Instrumentation
- Source selection

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DESCRIPTION

The **sercalo** switches are composed of an optical subsystem and an electrical driver interface. The optical switching function is realised by a silicon MEMS chip, on which a mirror can be moved in and out of the optical path by electrostatic actuation. In the latching *SL* variants a bistable suspension mechanism keeps the last selected state in power off. In the non-latching *SN* variants the switch returns into the bar state when electrical power is removed.
The absence of fatigue and wear-out allows to achieve a constant switching quality even after billions of actuation cycles. The switch features fast switching below 1 ms and high crosstalk attenuation above 60 dB. Repeatability is better than 0.001 dB. The switch is powered by a 5 V supply voltage. A 5 V TTL or CMOS drive signal is used to control the switching state.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

	Unit	Min	Typ	Max
Switch				
Wavelength Range	nm	Cut off	~Cut Off +200 nm	
Insertion Loss[1]	dB		2.0	3.0
Crosstalk	dB		75	60
Backreflection	dB		55	50
Polarisation Dependent Loss	dB		0.05	0.1
Polarisation Extinction Ratio[2]	dB	20	25	
Repeatability[3]	dB			0.001
Switching Time	ms		0.5	1
Durability	cycles		1 billion	
Package				
Voltage	V	4	5	5.25
Power Consumption	mW		5	10
Operation Temperature	°C	0		70
Storage Temperature	°C	-40		85
Size (L x W x H)	mm		70x70x9.5	

[1] for 1x4 excluding connector loss. [2] with Panda fibers for 1550 nm.
[3] value for constant temperature and polarisation

ORDERING INFORMATION

S	N	-	1x4	-	3	-	N

Switch type
L = latching
N = non- latching

State monitor
- = no monitor
TS= position monitor (latching only)

Variants
1X4

Cut Off *(design)* Wavelength
3 = <450 nm *(for 488 and 514 nm)*
4 = <600 nm *(for 633 and 680 nm)*
5 = <750 nm *(for 780 nm)*
6 = <800 nm *(for 830 nm)*
7 = <970 nm *(for 980, 1064 and 1550 nm)*
9 = <1250 nm *(for 1310 and 1550 nm)*

Polarisation Maintenance
PM=panda fiber
- = single mode fiber

Fibre sleeve type
N = loose tube 0.9mm
B = bare fibre 0.25mm

PIN CONNECTIONS
1 5 V supply, (2 mA)
2 selector 0 V: Bar
5 V: Cross
3 ground 0 V

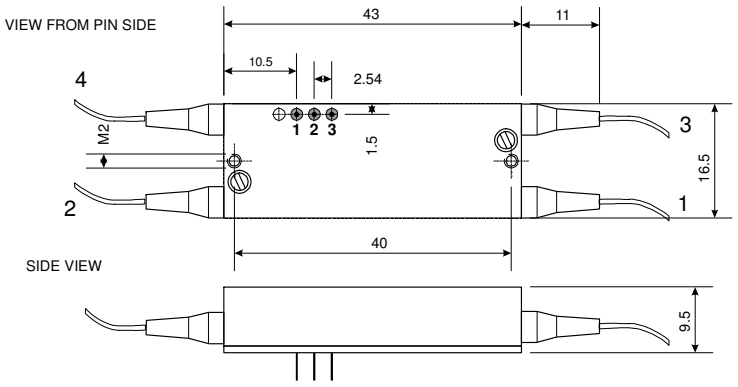

Figure 1: Pin layout SN2x2: non-latching

PIN CONNECTIONS
1 5 V supply
2 bar select
3 cross select
4 ground 0 V
5 sensor output
6 sensor output

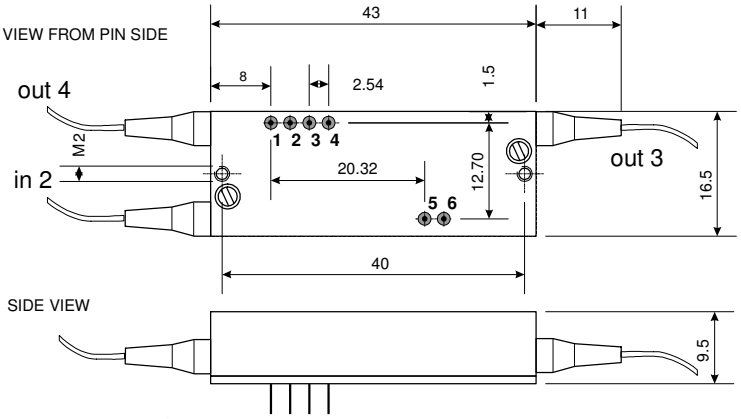

Figure 2: Pin layout SLTS1x2: latching with position monitor. Without monitor, pins 5,6 are omitted.

Optical port selection:
1: 2ms pulse, 5V CMOS / TTL
0: 0V
x: 0V or 5V

S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	Port
1	x	1	0	x	0	B
0	0	x	x	1	1	A
0	1	x	x	0	1	D
1	x	0	1	x	0	C

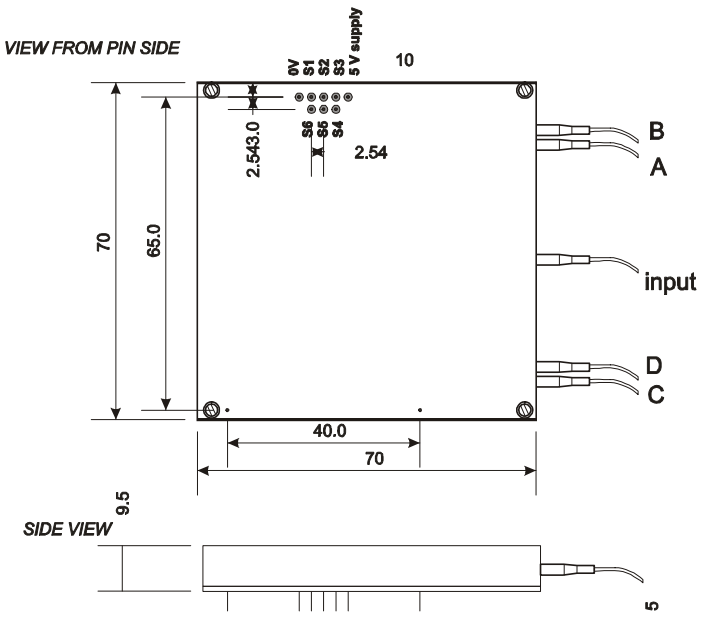

Figure 3: Pin layout SL1x4: latching. In the non-latching variant pins S4, S5, S6 are omitted.